

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-23 are pending in the application, with 1, 10 and 23 being the independent claims. Independent claims 10 and 23 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 11, 16-20, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,025 to Sternglass *et al.* ("Sternglass") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,204 to Santoh ("Santoh"). In view of the amendments made to independent claims 10 and 23, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection.

The Examiner relied upon Santoh to teach "a stem being rotatable to align a sensor with a port of a digital device for communication." (Office Action at 3.) Independent claims 10 and 23, as amended, recite an "IR assembly comprising a rotatable stem and a rotatable IR sensor coupled thereto, *said stem and said IR sensor being individually rotatable* to align said IR sensor with an IR port of said digital device for IR communication." (emphasis added) Such a configuration is not taught or suggested by Santoh.

For at least the above reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claims 10 and 23 be withdrawn. Similarly, Applicant requests that the

rejection of dependent claims 11 and 16-20 be withdrawn as they depend from a patentable base claim, and in view of their own respective features. Finally, Applicant requests that the objection to claims 12-15 be similarly withdrawn as claims 12-15 also depend from a patentable base claim.

Miscellaneous

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for an early indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-9, 12-15, and 21 and 22.

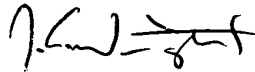
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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